

COLONEL PATRICK J. DONAHOE
Chief of Staff
US Army Maneuver Center of Excellence



Colonel Donahoe's initial assignment was to Camp Casey, Korea where he served as a Platoon Leader in B Company and as the Support Platoon Leader in the 2d Battalion, 72d Armor Regiment, 2d Infantry Division. At Ft. Knox, Kentucky he served as the Executive Officer of D Troop, 5th Squadron, 12th Cavalry and as the Aide-de-Camp for the Deputy Commanding General of Recruiting Command. He was assigned to the G-3 of V Corps in Germany and as the Assistant Operations Officer of the 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Division during the Implementation Force in Bosnia-Herzegovina. After returning to Germany, he commanded A Troop, 1-1 Cavalry. Following command, he was assigned to HRC in Alexandria, Virginia as the Branch Qualified Armor Captain's Assignment Officer. Colonel Donahoe attended the Naval War College for CGSC after which he was assigned as the Operations Officer for 1st Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment, 1st Infantry Division at Ft Riley, Kansas and was the Operations Officer of the Intrinsic Action Task Force in Kuwait on September 11th, 2001. After returning to Kansas, Colonel Donahoe served as the Brigade Operations Officer for 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division. He was then assigned to the faculty of the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. Following his joint assignment Colonel Donahoe assumed command of the 1st Battalion, 67th Armor Regiment, 4th Infantry Division at Fort Hood, Texas and deployed to Iraq where the battalion conducted counter-insurgency operations in Babil and Karbala Provinces and earned the Valorous Unit Citation for actions against the enemy. Following command, he was assigned to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California where he served initially, as a battalion trainer leading the Scorpion Team, and then led the Bronco Team as the brigade trainer. He commanded the 4th Cavalry Brigade at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He also served in Afghanistan as the Senior Advisor to General Sher Mohammed Karimi, the Chief of the General Staff of the Afghan National Army. From July 2013 to June 2014, Colonel Donahoe served as the Director of Training and Doctrine of the US Army Maneuver Center of Excellence responsible for training and doctrine development for the Army's Infantry, Armor and Cavalry organizations. In September 2014 he became the Chief of Staff, US Army Maneuver Center of Excellence at Fort Benning, GA.

Assignments

- Director, Directorate of Training and Doctrine, MCOE, Fort Benning, Georgia
- Senior Advisor to General Sher Mohammed Karimi, the Chief of the General Staff of the Afghan National Army, Afghanistan
- Commander, 4th Cavalry Brigade at Fort Knox, Kentucky
- Battalion and Brigade Trainer, National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California
- Commander, 1st Battalion, 67th Armor Regiment, 4th Infantry Division at Fort Hood, Texas

Education

Civilian

- Villanova University- (BA – 1989)
- American Military University (MA – 2000)

Military

- US Naval War College (CGSC 2001)
- National Security Fellow, Harvard University's JFK School of Government (2010)

Family

Theresa- wife, 3 daughters Peyton (14), Brenna (9), Delaney (6)

Duty Description:

Chief of Staff. The primary role of the CoS is to coordinate command policies, orders, and instructions pertaining to Fort Benning, the MCoE, the FBGA Garrison, and tenant units; he is the focal point for information. Through personal direction coordinating special and personal staffs and coordination with all tenant organizations, the CoS assists and advises the CG with all the responsibilities inherent in his multiple "roles" (Senior Mission Commander, CG of MCoE, and CG of Fort Benning). Guidance and direction will normally run directly through the CoS to the appropriate command or agency. Similarly, routine information, communications, and feedback will pass through the CoS to the CG, CDCG, Director CDID, and GC.